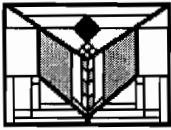


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Subject AB-383 (Sub-No. 5X): Coastal Zone Issue

John -

Based on my research, the subject abandonment is located in Wisconsin's designated coastal zone and railroad abandonments are subject to Federal consistency review under the state's coastal zone management plan. See http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext_detail.asp?linksubcatid=248, click on "Federal Consistency Review Process," and refer to Items C1(a) and E1, respectively.

According to the Board's environmental rules, for any proposed action that is within a state coastal zone and subject to review in the state's coastal zone management plan, the applicant must certify that the proposed action is consistent with the state's coastal zone management plan. See 49 CFR Part 1105.9. Therefore, the applicant in this case must provide the Board with this consistency certification.

The content of the consistency certification under the Wisconsin program is generally outlined in Item E2 in the document referenced and linked to above. If you have any specific questions regarding the contents of the certification, I suggest you contact the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program office directly.

If the Federal consistency review process is not completed at the time the Environmental Assessment (EA) for this abandonment is served, the EA will contain a recommendation from the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis that would prohibit salvage activities from occurring until the this review process is completed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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